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Please add my voice to those protesting the Microsoft settlement. I find the suggestion that Microsoft should donate computers to school systems absurd. Microsoft did violence to the system that we all rely upon, whether we want to or not, to ensure that the goods and services that we consumers buy are available at the lowest price. Microsoft repeatedly and callously sought not to provide better and cheaper products than its competition but only to use its position to prevent its competitors from offering their better and cheaper products.

Microsoft now seeks to do penance by donating computers to poor school systems. Not only would such a punishment fail to be of a size that would deter future wrongdoing by Microsoft, but it is of a piece with the conduct that Justice is seeking to prevent in the future. By donating these computers which would, of course, run the Microsoft Windows operating system, Microsoft seeks nothing less than taking even more market share, this time from Apple Computer.

The fact that such a proposal is even being seriously considered makes me and others wonder does Justice care more about closing this case than it does about ensuring the survival of our free market system.

Please overrule this proposed settlement and bring economic justice to us.

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